

Durham

DURHAM COUNTY AND SUNDERLAND
EYE INFIRMARY.

Annual Court of Governors.



Notice is hereby given that the Annual Court of the Governors of the Durham County and Sunderland Eye Infirmary will be held in the Institution's Board Room, Stockton Road, Sunderland, on WEDNESDAY EVENING next, 6th MARCH, 1929, at 7 p.m. The chair to be taken by Mr. T. T. NESBITT, Chairman of the General Committee.

BUSINESS.

To receive the General, Financial, Medical and Ladies' Committees' Reports for the year 1928.

To Elect Officers, Committees, etc., for the ensuing year.

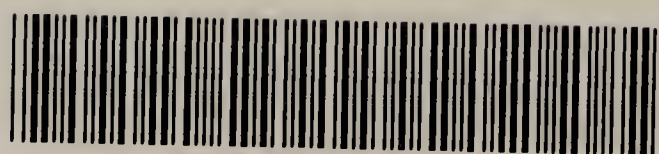
The attendance of all Governors is respectfully requested.

JOHN BUTTERFIELD,

Secretary.

Special Meeting of General Committee at 6-30 p.m.

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OF THE

DURHAM COUNTY AND SUNDERLAND

EYE INFIRMARY

FOR THE YEAR 1928.

To the Governors of the Institution.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

The General Committee have pleasure in presenting to you their Annual Report for the year 1928.

MEDICAL WORK FOR THE YEAR.—Again your General Committee are gratified at being able to present to you such an excellent Report of work done. During the past year trade has not improved to the extent that was anticipated and prophesied at the beginning, and the severe depression in the coal trade has had the effect of reducing contributions in some cases from some of the collieries in the County—others have contributed their full quota. There was an appreciable improvement in subscriptions from some of the shipyards and engine works as the year advanced, and, with much brighter prospects this year, your committee are looking forward to increased contributions from those sources. The report shows steady increases in almost every department, and your committee appreciates the devotion and sacrifice of the Surgeons and Nursing Staff in dealing with the various cases—especially accidents—which frequently occur and require great care and skill. Ordinary diseases of the eye have increased somewhat, and there has been an increase in serious accidents. The Surgeons and Nursing Staff give regular and careful attention to all cases that come under

their care, and, at times, the wards have been filled with accident cases.

No less than 12,697 new patients were enrolled during the year, and, with those already on the books at the end of 1927, 6,877, bring the total of new patients up to 19,481, an increase of 93.

The total attendances of Out-Patients again shows a record—reaching the marvellous figure of 76,568, against 72,142 in 1927, an increase of 4,126 on the previous year. There were 305 working days, with a daily average of 238.39. The numbers vary from day to day—Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday being the busiest, and on some Saturdays the premises have been severely taxed—over 400 Out-Patients having been examined and prescribed for by the Surgeons in attendance. This entails a large amount of clerical work, and shows how much the Eye Infirmary is valued by the sufferers who are compelled to attend for treatment.

Your General Committee are justly proud of such a splendid record, and of the confidence shown in the Institution by the patients, many of whom come from long distances from Sunderland—Dormanstown, Redcar, South Bank, Middlesbrough, Billingham, Stockton, Norton, Thornaby-on-Tees, Darlington, Eldon, Shildon, Bishop Auckland, Spennymoor, Tudhoe, Ferryhill, Consett, both banks of the Tyne, Blyth, and North Yorkshire. The whole of the patients speak highly of the treatment received at the hands of the Surgeons, and the care and attention bestowed on those who are compelled to become In-patients.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.—The ordinary income for 1928 was £9,392 6s. 10d., against £8,237 17s. 3d., an increase of £1,154 9s. 7d. This increase is principally due to the securing of fresh subscribers and to a renewal of subscriptions from the shipyards and engine works, from which during the past few years contributions have been very small owing to

the slackness in the shipbuilding and allied trades. The various miners' lodges in the county have again sent their contributions, although some have been compelled to send a decreased amount, and we trust that soon the coal trade will be in a flourishing condition—there not being a more loyal set of contributors regularly than the Miners of the County of Durham. The total expenditure for 1928 was £6,241 4s. 10d., against £5,797 11s. 4½d., an increase of £443 13 5½d, accounted solely for by the increase in patients.

LEGACIES AND DONATIONS.—During the year we received a Legacy from the estate of the late Mr. John Wallace Taylor, Jun., and many donations have been received from grateful patients. We are glad to again report that the handsome sum of £130 was received as a donation from the Roker Regatta and Carnival Committee, held at August Bank Holiday. The hearty thanks of the General Committee are accorded to all who have assisted the funds in any way.

COMMITTEES.—The various Committees of the Institution have met regularly during the year, the House and Accounts Committee paying strict attention to the income and expenditure, and also seeing that the various articles required for the good working of the Infirmary were of the best quality. The Ladies Committee devote a considerable amount of time in seeing to the comfort and care of the patients, meet regularly, and hold entertainments, &c., with the proceeds of which they procure extra clothing and comforts necessary in a voluntary institution and the giving of spectacles to deserving cases. They pay regular visits to the wards and bring pleasure and comfort to the patients, and so tend to relieve the monotony of hospital life.

WORKMEN'S GOVERNORS.—The Workmen's Governors connected with this Institution now number 118, and meet

quarterly. They are deeply interested in the welfare of the Eye Infirmary, and no less than 88 made one or more attendances during the year. They are ever ready with suggestions, and assist in raising money in various ways.

EMBLEM DAYS.—The arrangement and carrying out of collections and Emblem Days becomes more difficult owing to the fact that they are practically held every week. Last year some of the dates had to be changed and this did not assist us in securing great success. They, however, bring a fair amount of money, which goes towards the working expenses of the Institution. The Washington Committee, especially formed for the purpose of holding an emblem day and demonstration was again a great success, over £40 being raised, and the thanks of the Committee are due to the Ladies and Gentlemen who took up this work. We were again unfortunate in the day at South Shields, but the workers there had the satisfaction of having a fair collection, and raised about £41 by their effort. In Sunderland we had a fairly good collection, but there was a lack of interest compared with previous years, the amount realised being about £135. We are hoping for better results in the coming year, now that trade is reviving somewhat. In the colliery districts the Governors have assisted very materially.

THE SPORTS COMMITTEE, which organises the Football Competitions, &c., have again been instrumental in raising funds. The Senior and Minor Football Competitions have created a large amount of interest in several parts of the County, and have raised the handsome sum of £129 19s. 6d., which, with the donations from the practice games at South Shields and Sunderland, £27 2s., adds a respectable sum to the general funds of the Eye Infirmary. The thanks of the General Committee are given this Committee for their continued efforts on behalf of the Institution.

Dr. H. Boyd Cunningham continues to give active and regular attendance, and his tact and genial manner in dealing with the patients, assists materially in the good organisation and carrying out of the work. Your Committee has learnt with pleasure his appointment in May as Ophthalmic Specialist Medical Referee under the Workmen's Compensation Act for all the County Courts in Northumberland and Durham in succession to Dr. A. S. Percival, Newcastle-on-Tyne, who has resigned. During the year changes have taken place in the Surgical Staff—Dr. R. N. Ajinkya, who had done excellent work for three years, resigned, and the Committee appointed Dr. Gertrude B. Leigh as House Surgeon, and she has carried on the work with enthusiasm and skill. The Committee, in order to relieve the pressure, also appointed Dr. H. N. Popham as Clinical Assistant. Dr. Popham attends regularly every forenoon, and is of great assistance to the Surgeons.

During the year Miss Goulding, who had been Matron for a couple of years, secured another appointment, and your General Committee unanimously appointed Miss G. Eddy as her successor. Miss Eddy, who received her eye training at this Institution, is giving every satisfaction and assists in keeping up the prestige of the Eye Infirmary. The Matron has an energetic and capable staff of Sisters and Nurses, who do their utmost for the welfare of the patients. Examinations are held at regular intervals with good results.

In conclusion the General Committee desire to express their sincere thanks to the Clergy, Ministers, and others for holding Divine Services in the Eye Infirmary from time to time; to all those, who, by donations, subscriptions, or other service have contributed to the upkeep and development of the work done by this Institution. We would remind all who desire to relieve the suffering of those who have to seek the aid of this Institution to kindly bring its claims before

employers of labour, employees, and the public generally, by continually advocating its claims, so that the continued success of the Infirmary may be assured.

T. T. NESBITT,

Chairman of the General Committee.

P. FARRELLY,

Vice-Chairman of the General Committee.

JOHN BUTTERFIELD,

Secretary.

In Memoriam.

We desire to place on record the regret of the General Committee and Workmen's Governors on the loss the Eye Infirmary has sustained by the death of THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF DURHAM, who was for many years the honoured President, and who took a keen interests in all the work of the Institution; Mr. G. O. WIGHT, a well-known and highly respected citizen of Sunderland, and one who had served the Eye Infirmary in many ways with devotion and great ability as Chairman of the General Committee; and also Mr. GEORGE BEGG, a Workmen's Governor of long standing and who was keenly interested in its welfare.

Number of In-Patient Operations - 363.

Cataract Extractions	..	..	..	..	..	35
Discissions	..	..	..	..	..	23
Iridectomies	..	..	..	..	..	27
Sclero-corneal Trephinations	..	..	..	..	..	14
Posterior Sclerotomies	..	..	..	..	..	4
Paracentesis	..	..	..	..	..	10
Strabismus operations	..	..	..	..	..	72
Enucleations	..	..	..	..	..	38
Eviscerations	..	..	..	..	..	11
Excisions of Lachrymal Sac	..	..	..	..	..	4
Lid operations	..	..	..	..	..	10
Magnet Extractions	..	..	..	..	..	15
Cysts and Tumours	..	..	..	..	..	4
Excisions of Prolapsed Iris	..	..	..	..	..	10
Curette Evacuations	..	..	..	..	..	11
Cauterizations	..	..	..	..	..	58
Electrolysis	..	..	..	..	..	6
Miscellaneous operations	..	..	..	..	..	11

Number of Out-Patient Operations - 254.

Cysts of Lids	..	..	..	..	..	160
Abscesses of Lids	..	..	..	..	..	23
Lachrymal Abscesses	23
Tumours and Growths	22
Miscellaneous Operations	26

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TO THE GOVERNORS OF THE
DURHAM COUNTY AND SUNDERLAND
EYE INFIRMARY.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting the Medical Report for the year ending 1928.

OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT.—The large number of 12,697 new patients applied for treatment during the year. These, together with 6,877 remaining on the books, totalled no less than 19,574 patients who received treatment during 1928. The attendances amounted to 76,568—an increase of 4,426 attendances compared with the previous year. This large increase shows that the work of this Institution is appreciated.

In last year's Report, I stated that the Out-Patient Department was very much overcrowded on certain days—this year, with the increased attendances, the overcrowding has been very marked at times.

SIGHT TESTING.—1,447 patients received prescriptions for spectacles—an increase of 299 over last year. In addition to this a large number of cases were examined where glasses gave no relief or were not considered necessary.

CONSULTATIONS.—A large increase of patients referred by their doctor for consultation is still to be noted, as no fewer than 1,897 communications were sent to the patients' medical

attendants giving opinion and advice on the cases. This, again, is ample evidence of the value of the work of the Medical Staff.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.—The number of cases of this serious disease is decreasing. This is due to a very large extent to the excellent work performed by the Welfare Centres throughout the district. It is, however, desirable that accommodation should be provided, so that the more serious cases of this disease could be treated as in-patients. Owing to the dangers of infection, these cases require a special ward and attendants. It is to be hoped that, when the enlargement of the Hospital is undertaken, due regard will be paid to this most important matter. This disease is one of the commonest causes of blindness in children, and the necessity of early and skilled treatment cannot be too strongly emphasised.

X RAY DEPARTMENT.—This Department is in charge of Dr. Paige-Arnold, and continues to be of very great assistance in the diagnosis of injuries and disease affecting the eye. This Department could, with enlarged premises and newer forms of apparatus, still further render most valuable benefit.

PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.—As no provision for this work is made, most of the pathological investigation is carried out by Dr. Cookson, Pathologist to the Royal Infirmary. Thanks are due to Dr. Cookson for the valuable assistance rendered, and also for the great care and skill exhibited in the preparation of many interesting specimens.

MINERS' NYSTAGMUS.—Cases of Nystagmus still seem to be on the increase. Much investigation is taking place as to the actual cause of this distressing disease. Large numbers of otherwise able-bodied men are rendered unable to undertake any kind of work for long periods. Many men who recover from an attack of this disease are again affected after they have returned to their work in the mine.

INJURIES WITH COAL.—All injuries to the eye with coal must be regarded as dangerous. Large numbers of such cases suffer from impaired vision, whilst many eyes are lost through delay in seeking treatment. Early and efficient treatment of all injuries to the eye, especially with coal, is most essential.

IN-PATIENT DEPARTMENT.—The number of patients admitted was 555—an increase of 32—and, with 25 remaining in the Hospital on January 1st, 1928, made 580 in-patients who received treatment during the year.

OPERATIONS.—No fewer than 649 operations were performed during the year—363 on in-patients, an increase of 46, and 286 on out-patients, an increase of 56. These do not include a large number of small operations performed in the Out-Patient Department.

GIANT MAGNETS.—On 15 occasions the Giant Magnets were successfully used to remove foreign bodies from the interior of the eye.

STAFF CHANGES.—Dr. Ajinkya, who had held the post of House Surgeon for some three years, resigned in June to take up private practice. To fill the vacancy Dr. Gertrude B. Leigh was selected from a large number of applicants. The selection has proved a happy one. During the six months Dr. Leigh has been with us she has carried out her duties in a most satisfactory and skilful manner.

To meet the extra work in the Out-patient Department Dr. H. N. Popham was appointed Clinical Assistant. Dr. Popham, who had previously held the post of House Surgeon to the Newcastle Eye Infirmary, has rendered great service and has been most helpful in dealing with the Out-patients.

Miss Goulding, who had been Matron for two years, received the appointment of Matron to Brighton Eye Hospital. To succeed her the Committee appointed Miss

Eddy, an appointment which has given great satisfaction. Miss Eddy had received her Ophthalmic training at this Infirmary, and the Medical Staff welcome her as Matron and have full confidence in her ability to carry out her duties with satisfaction to all.

I express my grateful thanks to Drs. Hubbersty, Leigh, Popham, and Paige-Arnold for their excellent assistance.

The Secretary, Mr. Butterfield, continues to be of much help with the registration of patients and the care of patients' records. The increase of patients attending has made the work most arduous on busy mornings.

To Miss Eddy and the Nursing Staff grateful thanks and appreciation are due.

Mr. James H. Morton has discharged his duty as dispenser in a most satisfactory manner.

H. BOYD CUNNINGHAM,

Senior Surgeon.

DURHAM COUNTY AND

Dr. I.—Statement of Receipts and Payments

RECEIPTS			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Subscriptions and Donations .. ..	..	..	447	8	0			
„ Workmen's Contributions .. ..	..	..	5900	19	6			
						6348	7	6
„ Contributions from Patients .. ..	..	..				60	12	5
„ Medicine Bottles, etc. .. ..	..	..				117	17	10
„ Sale of Tickets, etc. .. ..	..	..				124	2	0
„ Artificial Eyes .. ..	..	..				7	17	0
„ "Emblem Days" .. ..	..	..				273	12	4
„ Special Donations, &c.—								
Football Match—Empire and "Hit the Deck" Co. .. ..	..	..	1	0	6			
Proceeds of Whist Drive—Mrs. Hailes ..	..	..	2	0	0			
All Saints' Church Amateur Operatic Society, Shildon.. ..	..	..	10	0	0			
Whist Drive and Dance—Castle Eden Police	..	..	5	0	0			
Whist Drive and Dance, New Herrington .	..	..	8	12	6			
Sale of Photographs .. ..	..	..	3	0	0			
Sale of Tinfoil .. ..	..	..	0	18	0			
Grateful Patients .. ..	..	..	7	12	0			
Special Boxes .. ..	..	..	0	15	7			
In lieu of Wreaths .. ..	..	..	3	12	0			
Part Proceeds—Bowls Cup .. ..	..	..	1	0	0			
Acknowledgment—Misses Tone .. ..	..	..	0	5	0			
Rebate Insurance—Parker .. ..	..	..	0	6	7			
Small Bazaar—Miss D. Brown .. ..	..	..	0	14	0			
Proportion—South Hylton Regatta .. ..	..	..	4	7	3			
Gymkhana, Langley Park .. ..	..	..	5	0	0			
Harvest—St. Luke's, Ferryhill .. ..	..	..	1	13	4			
Roker Regatta Carnival .. ..	..	..	130	0	0			
Sale of Lamb and Collection—J. Seymour	..	..	17	8	6			
Collection—Pork Butchers' Association ..	..	..	7	2	6			
Whist Drive—Ferryhill Hospital Committee	..	..	8	5	6			
Proportion of Whit-Monday Horse Procession and Carnival .. ..	..	..	10	0	0			
Whist Drive and Dance—Sunderland Charities Aid Committee .. ..	..	..	12	0	0			
Whist Drive and Dance—Mrs. Stanley Ritson .. ..	..	..	16	1	0			
„ Sports, &c.—						256	14	3
Proportion, Practice Games—								
Sunderland A.F.C. .. ..	..	..	25	0	0			
South Shields A.F.C. .. ..	..	..	2	2	0			
Football Cup Competition .. ..	..	..	129	19	6			
						157	1	6
„ Interest on Investments:—								
Corporation of Sunderland .. ..	..	..	297	13	10			
River Tyne Commissioners .. ..	..	..	32	0	0			
Tees Conservancy Commissioners .. ..	..	..	22	18	4			
River Wear Commissioners.. ..	..	..	802	0	0			
Easington Rural District Council	22	7	2			
War Loan	532	2	0			
National Prov. Bank, Ltd.	3	9	0			
						1712	10	4

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SUNDERLAND EYE INFIRMARY.

For the Year ending 31st December, 1928.

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PAYMENTS.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Working Charges, viz:—								
Drugs and Dressings	835	9	7			
Meat	296	19	1			
Artificial Eyes and Spectacles .. ..	..	..	8	17	6			
Groceries .. ..	..	..	420	19	3			
Milk and Eggs .. ..	..	..	107	15	4			
Fruit and Vegetables.. ..	..	..	97	9	10			
Fish, etc. .. ..	..	..	28	6	9			
Surgical Appliances .. ..	..	..	211	14	5			
Laundry .. ..	..	..	285	15	2			
Coals and Coke .. ..	..	..	108	0	0			
Gas, Water and Electricity .. ..	..	..	216	4	5			
Insurance .. ..	..	..	43	19	1			
Hairdresser .. ..	..	..	10	10	0			
Printing, Stationery and Advertising ..	..	..	246	6	11			
Sundry Expenses per Matron .. ..	..	..	24	8	11			
						2942	16	3
„ Salaries, viz:—								
Surgeons, Matron, Nurses, Servants, Dispenser, Anæsthetist, Handyman, Secretary, Clerk, and Extra Help .. ..	..	..				2585	17	1
„ Auditors' Fees .. ..	..	..	10	10	0			
„ Accountants' Fees recovering Income Tax for 1927—28 .. ..	..	..	5	5	0			
						15	15	0
„ National Insurance .. ..	..	..				64	9	2
„ Household Petty Expenses .. ..	..	..				33	7	10
„ Secretary's Postages and Expenses .. ..	..	..				50	17	8
„ Repairs and Renewals, etc. .. ..	..	..				90	13	1
„ Telephone .. ..	..	..				22	18	11
„ Painting and Cleaning .. ..	..	..				88	10	9
„ Furnishings, Draperies, etc. .. ..	..	..				151	15	0
„ Clinical Research .. ..	..	..				10	8	0
„ Rent and Water—Nurses' Home .. ..	..	..				46	6	0
„ Cost of Piano .. ..	..	..				35	0	0
„ Emblems—Cost of .. ..	..	..	29	11	8			
Day expenses .. ..	..	..	5	0	0			
						34	11	8
„ Expenses—Football Competition .. ..	..	..				45	18	5
„ Gratuities .. ..	..	..				22	0	0
„ Total Ordinary Expenditure for the Year ..	..	..				6241	4	10
„ Transferred to Investments Account.. ..	..	..				3027	0	2
„ Balance at 31st December, 1928:—								
Bankers	1760	11	4			
Matron	25	0	0			
						1785	11	4
Less Due Secretary	2	17	2			
						1782	14	2

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Dr.	I.—Statement of Receipts and Payments for the														
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DURHAM COUNTY AND

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II.—Statement of Receipts and Payments on

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at date invested as follows:—						
Tees Conservancy, viz.:—						
£300 Debenture Stock (3 per cent.), at cost ..	309	16	10			
£430 do. do. ..	452	6	2			
£225 do. do. ..	227	8	7			
				989	11	7
National Provincial Bank, Ltd.:—						
Six Shares of £20 each, £4 paid, at cost ..				107	13	0
Tyne Improvement Commissioners:—						
Mortgage bearing Interest at 5 per cent., at cost ..				800	0	0
River Wear Commissioners:—						
2nd Mortgage Funded Debt, bearing Interest at 5 per cent. ..	20300	0	0			
Less Redeemed ..	500	0	0			
				19800	0	0
Sunderland Corporation:—						
Mortgage at 4½ per cent. ..	2200	0	0			
Mortgage at 5 per cent. ..	5500	0	0			
				7700	0	0
Easington Rural District Council:—						
5½ per cent Housing Loan ..				2000	0	0
War Loan—						
£842 at 5 per cent., at cost ..	795	14	5			
£1600 at 5 do. do. ..	1520	0	0			
£3000 at 5 do. do. ..	3026	11	0			
£1500 at 5 do. do. ..	1526	9	0			
£2500 at 5 do. do. ..	2547	19	1			
				9416	13	6
3½ per cent. Conversion Loan £2500, at cost.				1978	6	6
Site for New Hospital at Burdon Road, at cost	3300	0	0			
Add Law Charges, Stamp Duties, etc. ..	83	5	11			
NOTE.—This property has been sold for the sum of £5,900. Sums received from purchaser are shown per contra.						
				3383	5	11
New Wards:—						
Expenditure as per last Account ..	4762	2	0			
Cash at Bankers on Current Account ..	3474	9	6			
				£54412	2	0

SUNDERLAND EYE INFIRMARY.

Investments Account as at 31st December, 1928.

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RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
By Accumulated Funds as per past Account ..	49625	1	10
„ Sum transferred from Receipts and Payments on Revenue Account for the year ending 31st December, 1928 ..	3027	0	2
„ Bede Tower—Received on account from Purchasers	1500	0	0
„ Surplus on Redemption of National War Bonds	260	0	0

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We have examined the foregoing Accounts, 1 and 2, with the Books of the Institution, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and certify that the Accounts are correct.

We have received confirmation from the Bank of England of the amounts invested in War Stock, and have also inspected the other Securities, which are in order.

METCALF, McKENZIE & INGRAM,

AUDITORS.

SUNDERLAND,

28TH FEBRUARY, 1929.

